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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 LUIS ALBERTO RAMIREZ-  
13 ARREDONDO,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR16-0136-JCC

PRELIMINARY FORFEITURE  
ORDER

15 This matter comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Entry of a  
16 Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ("Motion") (Dkt. No. 177) seeking to forfeit, to the  
17 United States, Defendant Luis Ramirez-Arredondo's interest in the following property:

- 18 1. One Apple iPhone, Model A1453, IMEI 352026063665433, seized on April 26, 2016  
19 in Marysville, Washington;  
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21 2. One Kyocera cellular phone, Model S2151 Kona, DEC 268435462508192255, seized  
22 on April 26, 2016 in Marysville, Washington;  
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24 3. One Apple iPhone, IMEI 352027063212028, seized on April 26, 2016 in Marysville,  
25 Washington;  
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27 4. One Kyocera cell phone, DEC 268435462508191445, seized on April 26, 2016 in  
Marysville, Washington;

- 1       5. \$2,439.00 in U.S. currency seized on April 26, 2016, in Marysville, Washington;
- 2       6. \$6,550.00 in U.S. currency seized on April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 3       7. One Glock 19 9mm semi-automatic pistol bearing serial number DY735US seized on
- 4              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 5       8. One Glock magazine seized on April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 6       9. 9mm ammunition seized on April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 7       10. One Kyocera Model S2151 Kona cell phone, DEC 268435462508198220, seized on
- 8              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 9       11. One Samsung Model SM-B311V cell phone, HEX: A0000048ED878D, seized on
- 10              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 11       12. One LG Model GPLGL16CB cell phone, DEC: 270113184102222133, seized on
- 12              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington;
- 13       13. One Kyocera Model S2151 Kona cell phone, DEC 268435462508191401, seized on
- 14              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington; and,
- 15       14. One Samsung Model SM-G360T1 cell phone, FCC ID A3LSMG360T, seized on
- 16              April 26, 2016 in Sultan, Washington.

17       The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings filed in this matter, including the  
18 United States' Motion, hereby FINDS entry of a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is appropriate  
19 because:

- 20       • The above-identified property is forfeitable pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, as it  
21              facilitated, and/or derives from proceeds of, the Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin;  
22              and
- 23       • Defendant has agreed, pursuant to the plea agreement entered on April 25, 2017,  
24              to forfeit the above-listed property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853. (Dkt. No. 142 at ¶  
25              8).

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

2 1) Pursuant to his plea agreement and 21 U.S.C. § 853(a), Defendant's interest in the  
3 above-identified property is fully and finally forfeited, in its entirety, to the United States;

4 2) Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(4)(A)–(B), this  
5 Preliminary Order will be final as to Defendant at the time he is sentenced; it will be made part  
6 of the sentence; and, it will be included in the judgment;

7 3) The United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security  
8 Investigations (“HSI”), and/or its authorized agents or representatives, shall maintain the above-  
9 identified property in its custody and control until further order of this Court;

10 4) Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(6) and 21 U.S.C.  
11 § 853(n), the United States shall publish notice of this Preliminary Order and its intent to dispose  
12 of the property as permitted by governing law. The notice shall be posted on an official  
13 government website, currently [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), for at least thirty (30) days. For any person  
14 known to have a potential interest in the property, the United States shall, to the extent possible,  
15 also provide direct written notice to that person. The notice shall state that any person, other than  
16 Defendant, who has or claims a legal interest in the property must file a petition with the Court  
17 within sixty (60) days of the first day of publication of the notice (which is thirty (30) days from  
18 the last day of publication), or within thirty (30) days of receipt of direct written notice,  
19 whichever is earlier. The notice shall advise all interested persons that the petition:

- 20 a. shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest  
21 in the property;
- 22 b. shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury; and,
- 23 c. shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the  
24 items, as well as any facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the specific relief  
25 sought.

1           5)     If no third-party petition is filed within the allowable time period, the  
2 United States shall have clear title to the property, and this Preliminary Order shall become the  
3 Final Order of Forfeiture as provided by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(c)(2);

4           6)     If a third-party petition is filed, upon a showing that discovery is necessary to  
5 resolve factual issues it presents, discovery may be conducted in accord with the Federal Rules  
6 of Civil Procedure before any hearing on the petition is held. Following adjudication of any  
7 third-party petitions, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture, pursuant to Federal Rule of  
8 Criminal Procedure 32.2(c)(2) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), reflecting that adjudication; and,

9           7)     The Court will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing this Preliminary  
10 Order, adjudicating any third-party petitions, entering a Final Order of Forfeiture, and amending  
11 the Preliminary or Final Order as necessary pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure  
12 32.2(e).

13           DATED this 26th day of October 2017.

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15           John C. Coughenour  
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19           John C. Coughenour  
20           UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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